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and the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1960

HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1960 - 1961

COUNCILLORS :

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Chairman of the Council

MRS. E. L. SWINBURNE

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W. WILSON, F.C.C.S.

Clerk of the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1960

Medical Officer of Health :

VICTOR R. WALKER, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.,
(Also Divisional M.O. for North Herts.)

Senior Public Health Inspector :

NORMAN HOLT, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.,
Certs. R.S. Health (1. Meat and Foods 2. Smoke)

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Additional Public Health Inspectors :

JEFFREY BOWMAN SIDEBOTTOM, M.A.P.H.I.,
Certs. R.S. Health (1. Meat and Foods 2. Smoke)
(Until 13th. October 1960),

DANIEL THOMAS EVANS, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.
Certs. R.S. Health (Meat and Foods)
(Until 29th. June, 1960)

Additional Public Health Inspectors (Cont.)

DONALD ALFRED FOGG, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.
Certs. R.S. Health (1. Meat and Foods 2. Smoke)
(As from 20th. October, 1960)

HARRY FORREST M.A.P.H.I.
Certs. R.S. Health (Meat and Foods)
(As from 20th. October, 1960)

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Clerical Staff :

MR. R. J. WOOLSTON
(From 21st February, 1960)

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HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mrs Swinburne and Gentlemen,

I submit the above annual report on the direction of Ministry Circular 1/61.

For the year 1960 the local birth rate (17.7) is again above that for England and Wales (17.1); the local death rate is higher than for 1959 and identical with that for England and Wales, (11.5) though application of the local comparability factor supplied by the Registrar General gives a standardised death rate of 9.7.

Local still birth and infant mortality rates are seen this year to exceed by a small percentage the national figures.

I would report another year without local incidence of either anterior poliomyelitis, enteric disease or food poisoning.

I would acknowledge having received, during the year, every assistance from your Council and its chief officers, particularly from Mr. Holt, your Senior Public Health Inspector, who is responsible for the attached report on sanitary matters.

Your obedient servant,

V. R. WALKER.

District Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1961.

SECTION A.

LOCAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,850
Home population - Registrar General's estimate for mid-1960	23,510
Number of inhabited houses at 1st. April 1961	7431
Rateable value as at 1st. April, 1961	£351,086
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate for 1961/2	£1,480

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR
THE YEAR 1960.

	HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT.			Comparable Rate for England and Wales.
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>				
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	402	213	189	
Illegitimate	14	7	7	
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	416	220	196	
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Rate per 1,000 population	17.7			17.1
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	3.4			

STILLBIRTHS.

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	8	4	4	
Illegitimate	1	1	-	
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	9	5	4	
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Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	21.1			19.7

HITCHIN
URBAN
DISTRICT

Comparable
Rate for
England -
and Wales

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
425	225	200

DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
270	136	134

Rate per 1,000 population 11.5 11.5

INFANT DEATHS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under 1 week	7	5	2
1 - 4 weeks	1	1	-
4 - 52 weeks	2	-	2
	10	6	4

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total
live births 24.0 21.7

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000
legitimate live births 24.9

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000
illegitimate live births 0.0

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths
under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live
births) 19.2 15.6

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total
live births) 16.8

	HITCHIN	Comparable
	URBAN	Rate for
	DISTRICT	England
		and Wales.
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ..	37.6	
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (including abortion)		
Number of deaths	None	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0.0	0.34

COMMENT ON LOCAL VITAL STATISTICS.

The estimated local mid-year population shows a further considerable rise of 790, while local live births (416) are just below the figure for 1959.

No single death is recorded from any acute infectious disease or from any form of tuberculosis.

Deaths from Cancer (all sites) numbered 45, of which total 12 (10 males) were from Cancer of the lung or bronchus. Six deaths (4 males and 2 females) among the local residents occurred from motor vehicle accidents.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

These are unchanged.

SECTIONS C - E.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA, HOUSING AND INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

Full reports on the above are contained in the attached report of your Senior Public Health Inspector.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

For the year 1960 totals of infectious diseases notified (after correction) were: Measles 32; Whooping Cough 26; Scarlet Fever 1; Acute Pneumonia 1; Dysentery 1 and Infectious Hepatitis 1. There was, therefore, no local occurrence of any serious infectious disease during the year, small outbreaks of Measles and Whooping Cough excepted. No case of either Anterior Poliomyelitis, Enteric Disease or Food Poisoning was notified during the year.

IMMUNISATION.

The measures against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria are increasingly accepted by parents, particularly since children can now have the combined triple vaccine (including tetanus toxoid). There has also been a steady increase in the acceptance of vaccination against Anterior Poliomyelitis among at least the younger of the priority age groups. Such facilities continue to be equally available from welfare centres and medical practitioners.

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TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths during the Year 1960

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	(3)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1 (1)	2 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1 (1)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS :	2 (5) ⁺	3 (2) ⁺	- (1) ⁺	1 (1) ⁺	-	-	-	-

⁺ Figures in brackets indicate inward transfers.

COMMENT: New notifications are again seen to be low, totals being the same as for 1959.

No local death is recorded during the year from any form of Tuberculosis.

V. R. WALKER.

District Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1961.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mrs Swinburne and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my nineteenth Annual Report upon the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ending 31st. December, 1960.

A reduction in the number of houses inspected and represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation occurred during the year, dropping from 69 in 1959 to 16 in 1960. This was due to a lull in the provision of new houses, etc. for rehousing purposes. "Standard" improvement grants continued to increase and 22 were made during 1960 amounting to £2,339. 0. Od. "Discretionary" grants also showed a slight increase, 29 grants being made amounting to £6,094. 0. Od.; 15 of them to owner occupiers.

Work continues satisfactorily on meat inspection, food hygiene, clean air and general housing complaints and noticeable improvements continue to be made.

I again express my thanks to the staff for their valuable assistance and to ~~all the Council's officials for their valuable assistance and to~~ all the Council's officials for their continued co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

N. HOLT.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

June, 1961.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS
AND NOTICES SERVED DURING
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1960
NATURE OF VISIT OR INSPECTION

GENERAL SANITATION

Water supply	..	..	..	..	..	8
Drainage	..	..	..	..	..	276
Stables and piggeries	..	..	..	..	..	12
Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	103
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	66
Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	3
Refuse and salvage collection	..	..	..	..	..	271
Refuse disposal	..	..	..	..	..	84
Rats and mice	..	..	..	..	..	24
Smoke observations	..	..	..	..	..	9
Boiler plants	..	..	..	..	..	38
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	36
Petroleum installations	..	..	..	..	..	11
Swimming pools	..	..	..	..	..	20
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	367

HOUSING

Under Public Health Acts :-

Number of houses inspected	..	..	..	178
Visits paid to above houses	..	..	..	398

Under Housing Acts :-

Number of houses inspected	..	..	..	70
Visits paid to above houses	..	..	..	1147

Overcrowding :-

Number of houses inspected	..	..	..	24
Visits paid to above houses	..	..	..	29

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Inquiries in cases of I.D.	..	..	..	4
Visits re. disinfection ..	..	..	..	5

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Inspection of meat :-

Visits to slaughterhouses	..	..	..	563
Visits to shops and stalls	13

Food Inspection :-

Visits to shops and stalls	111
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Visits to :-

Butchers	46
Fishmongers and poulterers	17
Fish friers	3
Grocers	61
Greengrocers and fruiterers	..	..	..	20
Dairies and milkshops ..	..	..	..	3
Ice cream premises ..	..	..	..	3
Bakehouses .. ..	..	..	..	13
Market stalls .. ..	..	..	..	112
Restaurants .. ..	..	..	..	132
Canteens, etc., .. ..	..	..	..	55
Street vendors and hawkers carts	..	..	..	3

Visits in connection with sampling (Bacteriological) :-

Milk .. ..	..	..	..	76
Ice cream .. ..	..	..	..	88

NOTICES SERVED

Number of Informal Notices served	..	..	97
Number of Informal Notices complied with	..	..	74
Number of Statutory Notices served	..	..	3
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	3

IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC

HEALTH INSPECTORS

HOUSES, ETC.

Houses painted externally..	..	..	..	14
Roofs repaired ..	..	..	..	33
Flashings repaired or replaced ..	..	..	..	11
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed..	..	..	..	14
Chimney stacks pointed or replaced	..	..	..	13
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	..	..	..	22
Walls pointed or repaired..	..	..	..	18
Walls cement rendered ..	..	..	..	3
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired..	..	..	..	8
Doors provided, repaired or replaced (external)	..	..	..	16
Doors provided, repaired or replaced (internal)	..	..	..	32
Windows provided, repaired or replaced ..	..	..	..	55
Window sash cords provided ..	..	..	..	24
Window fasteners provided..	..	..	..	5
Rooms where wallplaster repaired or replaced	..	..	..	39
Rooms redecorated ..	..	..	..	28
Rooms where ceiling plaster repaired or replaced	..	..	..	39
Floors relaid or repaired..	..	..	..	25
Staircases repaired ..	..	..	..	3
Staircases where handrails provided	..	..	..	6
Firegrates provided or repaired ..	..	..	..	17
Chimney flues repaired ..	..	..	..	1
Hot water system provided or repaired ..	..	..	..	31
New baths provided..	..	..	..	18
Trapped bath waste pipes provided or repaired..	..	..	..	15
New wash basins provided ..	..	..	..	24
Trapped wash basin waste pipes provided or repaired ..	..	..	..	18
New sinks provided..	..	..	..	10
Trapped sink waste pipes provided or repaired..	..	..	..	12

Drainage :-

New drains constructed ..	..	..	..	21
Old drains reconstructed ..	..	..	..	14
Drains repaired ..	..	..	..	6
Drains cleansed ..	..	..	..	22
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	..	..	..	31
Inspection chamber covers provided ..	..	..	..	18

Self cleansing gullies provided	13
Soil pipes provided or repaired	11
Vent pipes provided or repaired	4
Fresh air inlets provided or repaired	1

Waterclosets :-

Roofs repaired	1
New basins fixed	24
Cisterns repaired or renewed	16
New flush pipes fixed	2
Seats repaired or replaced	16

MISCELLANEOUS

New dustbins provided	308
Accumulations of refuse removed	4

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water.

With the exception of a few outlying houses, which have satisfactory private sources, Hitchin obtains its water from piped supplies controlled by the Lee Valley Water Company. This control passed from the Council to the Company on April 1st., 1960.

Water is obtained from three wells (1) Temple End, Charlton, (2) Oughton Head and (3) Offley Bottom. The latter two are situated in the Rural District just outside the Urban boundary. An adequate supply was maintained from the above sources and no restrictions were necessary during the year. The water is satisfactory in quality and 71 bacteriological and 14 chemical samples of the water supplied in the district were taken during the year and examined at the Company's own laboratory. All the samples were found to be satisfactory. The water from the wells is hard and therefore no trouble is experienced due to plumbo-solvency.

The number of dwelling houses supplied with water from public mains direct into the house is 7359 serving approximately 23,283 persons, whilst the number of

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dwelling houses supplied with water from public mains by means of stand-pipes is 51, serving approximately 161 persons. In the case of 21 houses the water supply is provided in an outbuilding.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

Extensions to the soil and stormwater sewers were carried out during the year on the Wellingham Piece, Rosehill, Oakfield and Willows Estates.

2. Rivers and Streams.

No action taken.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

With the exception of 8 of the 22 houses comprising the main village of Charlton, and a few outlying premises, the whole of the district is provided with waterclosets, which, excluding a few waterclosets discharging into cesspools, are connected to the Council's sewers. The 8 houses mentioned above are provided with pail closets.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

In July the Council commenced the operation of an incentive bonus scheme in connection with refuse collection and this resulted in the maintenance of a weekly collection of house refuse generally. The labour force, however, was nearly always below the full complement of men, and despite the increased remuneration it still proved very difficult to recruit suitable labour. Unfortunately following Bank Holidays the regularity of collection had to be disturbed, but usually a speedy return to a weekly visit was made.

From the beginning of October the Council operated a 'Pilot Scheme' for the collection of refuse from 308 council houses on one estate by the paper sack system, and this proved so successful that the Council resolved to operate the system throughout the whole of their district over a period of three years.

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Approximately 3800 premises will be converted to the paper sack system of refuse collection during the financial year 1961/2.

The paper sack system of refuse collection as operated by the Council in the pilot scheme proved entirely dustless and eventually it is hoped that the numerous complaints of spillage caused by the present 'skep' system of refuse collection will be entirely eliminated.

House and trade refuse were disposed of by controlled tipping using a bulldozer. Approximately 396 tons of waste paper were sold during the year to the board mills, an increase of 18 tons over 1959.

- (iii) Public Health Inspection of the Area. See pages 7, 8, 9, and 10.
- (iv) Shops and Offices.

66 visits were made to shops and the following works were carried out after written or verbal notices :

Additional waterclosets provided ..	..	2
Waterclosets repaired or redecorated ..	..	3

- (v) Caravan Sites.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, brought into force, as from the 29th August, 1960, a new licensing system for caravans. The Act had two major objects (a) to control the location of caravan sites and (b) to impose conditions on sites.

At 31st. December, 1960, four licences had been granted authorising the use of land as sites for caravans. The number of caravans covered by the licences is 78.

- (vi) Clean Air.

Observations of chimneys continued to be made during 1960,, together with advisory visits to the boiler plants concerned. Complaints are still received from the Common Rise Area about smoke from the gas works and although the

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latter is now the problem of H.M. Alkali Inspectorate it appears that a satisfactory solution will only be reached when the gas works are eventually closed down as unnecessary.

(vii) Swimming Baths.

There are two swimming baths in the district, (a) a public open-air swimming bath maintained by the Council, comprising a main and children's pool, and (b) a private open-air swimming bath at the Girls' Grammar School.

120 samples of water in the two pools at the Council's bath were taken, 60 being submitted to a bacteriological examination and 60 to a residual chlorine test. All the samples were reported upon as satisfactory.

The two pools at the public bath are filled from a main water supply. The water is continuously circulated and purified by pressure sand filtration and chlorination. The filtration plant has a turnover period of about four hours.

The County Health Department took samples of the water in the Girl's Grammar School bath during the year.

4. Schools.

No action taken.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	248
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1545

(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	16
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	16
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..	16
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	232

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	71
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.. .. .	-
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
	(a) By Owners	-
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	-

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-
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- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :
- | | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| (a) | By Owners | .. | .. | .. | - |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of Owners | .. | .. | .. | - |
- (C) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 23 and Part 3 of the Housing Act, 1957 :
- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 12 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were revoked | 2 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 36 |
| (4) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings to make fit were accepted from owners, etc. .. | 2 |
| (5) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings not to use for human habitation until made fit were accepted from owners, etc. | 6 |
| (6) | Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders | - |
- (D) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 :
- | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 4 |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit | - |
| (3) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.. | 2 |

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|
| (4) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked and Demolition Orders made | .. .. | - |
| (5) | Number of dwelling houses owned by local Authority certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | .. | - |

4. OVERCROWDING.

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|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|
| (a) | (1) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | | 7 |
| | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein | | 12 |
| | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein.. | | 54 |
| (b) | (1) | Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year | .. .. | 1 |
| (c) | (1) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | .. .. | - |
| | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | .. .. | - |
| (d) | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding : | | |
| | (1) | Number of cases | .. .. | - |
| | (2) | Number of families concerned | .. | - |
| | (3) | Number of persons | .. .. | - |

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are seven distributors of milk in the district and three premises are used as dairies. All are registered

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with this authority in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

The table below shows the annual licences issued for the sale of designated milk :-

Dealer's Licences.

Tuberculin Tested (bottled at dairy)	..	4
Sterilised (received in bottles)	..	3
Pasteurised .. .. .	..	2

Supplementary Licences.

Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	4
Sterilised	..	..	..	..	2

In addition, three dairies in the district hold licences granted by the County Council to pasteurise milk. Two dairies pasteurise by the 'High Temperature Short Time' method and the other by the 'Holder' method.

Numerous inspections of dairies were made during the year under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

During the year 137 samples of milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>Class of Milk</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Percentage Satisfactory</u>
49	Pasteurised	48	1	98.0%
52	Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	51	1	98.1%
21	Tuberculin Tested	15	6	59.8%
15	Sterilised	14	1	93.0%

The majority of the samples were bottled milks taken in the course of delivery to the consumer.

(b) Meat and Foods.

One slaughterhouse is licensed by the Council to slaughter animals, i.e. the Herts. and Beds. Co-operative Bacon Factory, where extensive slaughtering of pigs is carried out. 42507 pigs were killed and inspected at the Bacon Factory during the year. A system of detention is in operation at this slaughterhouse.

The following table gives details of the number of animals killed, inspected and found to be diseased, unsound or unfit for food. The diseased or unsound meat is voluntarily surrendered and disposed of so as not to be used for human consumption.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	-	-	-	-	42507	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	42507	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	102	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci	-	-	-	-	23.4	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1028	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.4	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following table gives summarised information relating to the carcasses, offal, etc., condemned at the Herts. and Beds. Co-operative Bacon Factory.

	<u>Tuberculosis</u>					Lb.
770 Pigs' heads	8780
256 Pigs' stomachs	2048
2 Pigs' plucks	8
Trimmings	24
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OTHER DISEASES.

29 Pigs' carcasses	Fevered	5024
23 Pigs' carcasses	Moribund	2981
2 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Pyæmia	203
11 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Swine Fever	546
4 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Febrile	305
6 Pigs' carcasses	..	Acute	Septic	Peritonitis	424
4 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Jaundice	892
9 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Emaciated	301
2 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Septicaemia	140
5 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	Multiple	Abscesses	381
4 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	.. Dropsy	571
1 Pigs' carcass	..	..	Extensive	Bruising	352
2 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Leukaemia	184
357 Pigs' hearts	..	..	..	Pericarditis	187
5929 Pigs' lungs	..	..	..	Congestion	17487
2437 Pigs' livers	..	..	..	Cirrhosis	9748
160 Pigs' stomachs	..	..	..	Inflammation	1280
871 Pigs' kidneys	..	Nephritis,	cysts, etc.		218
13 Pigs' fillets	..	Inflammation,	Haemorrhagic		6
5 Pigs' fore legs	..	..	Broken, Arthritis		201
66 Pigs' back legs	Broken, Haemorrhagic		997
Miscellaneous parts,					
Trimmings ..	Various	traumatic	conditions		1683
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TOTAL 24 tons. 10 cwts. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Numerous visits were made to butcher's shops, food shops and other food preparing premises. The following quantities of food stuffs were also found to be unsound and unfit for food, and were voluntarily surrendered by the owners and disposed of so as not to be used for human consumption.

Meat from Butcher's Shops.					Lb.
Beef	..	..	..	Decomposition	70
Lamb	..	..	..	Decomposition	28
TOTAL	..	..	3 qr.	14 lb.	<u>98</u>

General.

Miscellaneous tinned and packed goods	..	1145
Miscellaneous tinned meats	.. ..	491
Fish	.. .. ..	400
Cheese	.. .. ..	169
TOTAL	.. .. 19 cwts. 2 qr. 21 lb.	<u>2205</u>

Grand total of foodstuffs condemned. (All classes)

25 tons. 10 cwts. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

ICE CREAM :

The number of premises registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the storage and sale of ice cream is 87. Frequent visits were made to the foregoing premises to enforce the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959, and for the purpose of sampling. 113 samples were taken, the results of which follow :-

Grade 1	..	..	100	}	Satisfactory.
Grade 2	..	..	2		
Grade 3	..	..	0	}	Unsatisfactory.
Grade 4	..	..	0		
11 Iced lollies	..	..	..		Satisfactory.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN :

1. There are 268 food premises in the area consisting of 58 grocers, 24 confectioners (sweets) 10 confectioners (cakes, etc.) 21 greengrocers, 5 fish-friers, 7 fish-mongers, 1 poulterer, 22 butchers, 49 restaurant kitchens (including industrial and school canteens) 10 food factories, 9 bakehouses, 50 licensed premises and 2 warehouses, the latter being used for the storage of food only.
2. The following premises are registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955; 17 butchers (for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food) 1 butcher (for the pickling of meat) 2 fish-mongers (for the preservation of fish) 4 food factories (for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food) 2 grocers (for the cooking of ham) 1 grocer (for the roasting of chickens). Regarding ice cream, the following are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream; 42 grocers, 6 green-grocers,

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22 confectioners (sweets) and 15 general premises.
1 premise is licensed for the storage of ice cream only.

3. Regarding inspection of food premises see (5) below.
4. Condemned food is disposed of at the premises of the Herts. and Beds. Co-Operative Bacon Factory, where it is processed in a digester plant.
5. The following improvements were carried out during the year to premises used for preparation, sale, etc., of food :-

Washing Facilities.

Number of new sinks provided	.. ..	7
Number of new washbasins provided	.. ..	10
Number of defective sinks renewed	.. ..	4
Number of new draining boards provided	.. ..	6
Number of fitments provided with running hot and cold water	.. .. ..	13
Number of double sink units provided	.. ..	2
Number of trapped waste pipes provided	.. ..	6

Structural Work.

Number of rooms where walls repaired or improved	.. .. ..	9
Number of rooms where ventilation improved	.. ..	2
Number of rooms where ceilings repaired or renewed	.. .. ..	3
Number of rooms where floors repaired or renewed	.. .. ..	2
Number of rooms where walls decorated	.. ..	15
Number of rooms where ceilings decorated	.. ..	15
Number of rooms where woodwork decorated	.. ..	13
Number of rooms where new floor coverings provided	.. .. ..	3
Number of rooms where lighting improved	.. ..	2
Number of rooms where drainage inlets removed	.. .. ..	1

Equipment.

Number of premises where "Wash Hands" notices provided	4
Number of premises where new dustbins provided	3
Number of premises where new equipment provided	2
Number of premises where food storage improved	1
Number of premises where new counter tops installed	1
Number of premises where equipment renovated	9
Number of premises where refrigerated display cabinet provided	2

Food Hygiene.

Number of premises where walls and floors etc. cleansed	3
Number of premises where suitable sterilising agent provided	1
Number of premises where soap and towels provided	2
Number of premises where suitable overalls and head covering provided	1

Kitchen Utensils - Bacteriological Swabs.

During 1960, 370 swabs of kitchen utensils were taken for bacteriological examination.

Each swab is cultivated for two different times and temperatures and bacterial counts made. No official standard is laid down but a utensil is regarded as satisfactory if the average of both counts is not more than 100 organisms per utensil and faecal coliform is absent. 284 samples passed the unofficial standard and 86 failed.

Utensil cleansing techniques are constantly under supervision and methods, materials and equipment are consequently improving.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

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PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	142	53	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	7	3	-	-
TOTAL	167	69	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) :-					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL :	8	7	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111	
	Number of outworkers in August list re- quired by Section 110 (1) c	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Clothing manufacture	41	-	-	-	-

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